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Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—" May I know what kinds of meats are sold in the shops that are considered objectionable by the Hindus ? "

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I pause for the answer."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have already stated that it is a matter with which the Government are not concerned, and it is for the Municipal Council to consider whether a meat stall could be allowed to continue there or not."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Since the municipality has not moved in the matter in spite of newspaper agitation and public meetings, may I appeal to the hon. the Chief Minister at least to care something or the susceptibilities of the Hindu population of Tiruvannamalai ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Mr. President, the Government do not think that it is a case for their interference."

The distribution of taluk boards in each district.

* 32 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether every taluk in each district has a taluk board corresponding to it ;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government have any idea of creating a taluk board for every taluk ;

(*c*) how many taluk boards there are in Madura and Ramnad districts and whether the taluk boards correspond to the taluks in the districts ;

(*d*) whether the right of electing their presidents is given to all the taluk boards in the two districts ; and

(*e*) if not, the names of the taluk boards in which the president is nominated, and the reason for the same ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The Government will be prepared to consider applications on their merits.

(*c*) Four in each. The taluk boards do not correspond to the Revenue taluks.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) Melur, Usilampatti and Dindigul in the Madura district and Devakottai in the Ramnad district.

The Government were advised that in the best interests of the administration of these taluk boards it was desirable that the Presidents should be appointed by Government.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" In regard to clause (*b*), may I know whether Government invited applications as to the creation of a board in every taluk ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Government do not propose to invite applications."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" What do they mean by ' applications ' in the answer to clause (*b*) ? Do they mean applications from taluk boards or people or somebody else ? "